
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

MINUTES

February 14, 2013

Regular Meeting

Teleconference

California Regional Water Quality Control Board-Lahontan Region
South Lake Tahoe Office, Conference Room
2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150;

Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District
157 Short Street
Bishop, CA 93514;

California Regional Water Quality Control Board-Lahontan Region
Victorville Office, Conference Room
14440 Civic Drive, Suite 200
Victorville, CA 92392;

Rosamond Community Services District
3179 35th Street West
Rosamond, CA 93560; and

Town of Truckee
Second Floor Conference Room
10183 Truckee Airport Road
Truckee, CA 96161

Board Members Present

Don Jardine, Markleeville
Jack Clarke, Vice Chair, Apple Valley
Peter C. Pumphrey, Chair, Bishop
Eric Sandel, Truckee
Keith Dyas, Rosamond

Board Member Absent

Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee

Legal Counsel

Kimberly Niemeyer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

Staff Present

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer	Bud Amorfini, Engineering Geologist
Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer	Eric Taxer, WRCE
Charles Curtis, Supervising WRCE	Alan Miller, Senior WRCE
Mike Plaziak Sup. Eng. Geologist	Lauri Scribe, Environmental Scientist
Douglas Smith, Sup. Eng. Geologist	Robert Larsen, Staff Environmental Scientist
Richard Booth, Senior Eng. Geologist	Sue Genera, Executive Assistant

Addressing the Board

Laurel Ames, California Watershed Network
Steve Teshara, Sustainable Community Advocates
Jennifer Quashnick, Friends of the West Shore
John Marshall, Attorney Representing TRPA
Nancy Gibson, USDA Forest Service

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Pumphrey called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. on February 14, 2013, and introduced Board members participating from five locations.

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel and Water Board staff present in the South Lake Tahoe Office and asked the Victorville Office to introduce staff and members of the public present at their location.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16-17, 2013, held in Barstow, CA.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Sandel, seconded by Mr. Dyas, and **unanimously carried** to adopt minutes as presented. Mr. Clarke was not present for this Item.

Click here to view the adopted [January 2013 Minutes](#)

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, presented the [February Written Report](#) and gave additional updates on:

- Our March 13-14 Board meeting will be in Lake Arrowhead and include a boat tour to highlight where the Lake Arrowhead Association has completed successful dredging and aquatic weed abatement projects. The tour will be from 10:30 to 11:30 in the morning and is open to the public. We will have a related informational Board item later in the evening to talk about lake management strategies that I believe will be very informative.

- Our June 19-20 Board meeting will be in Lee Vining and meeting at the Mono Community Center. On Wednesday morning we hope to arrange a tour of Mono Lake, with part of the tour involving canoes. On Thursday, we hope to travel to the Bridgeport Valley to meet with cattle ranchers and view Best Management Practices in place at these cattle operations.
- PG&E has filed a petition with the State Board, appealing the plume delineation cleanup and abatement order I signed last month. In addition to requesting review of the order, the petition asks for an immediate stay of the CAO, which required PG&E to fully define the hexavalent chromium plume in the Hinkley area. PG&E argues that the Regional Board CAO is unsupported by factual or scientific findings, and has improperly ordered investigations that exceed the Regional Board's jurisdiction, among other things. The petition is under consideration by the State Board. If the State Board chooses to hear the petition then they would send a letter requesting our response and the administrative record with 30-days. After the issuance of the 30-day letter, the State Water Board would have 60 days to decide whether or not to stay part or all of the order. I will keep the Board updated on any new developments.
- PG&E has submitted a request for the Regional Board to amend several sections of its whole house replacement water order. We are carefully reviewing these CAO amendment requests and I will be seeking public input in the future.
- We are working on two public workshops for the Hinkley community to discuss the PG&E work plans for plume delineation and manganese. By the end on March I hope to host a second public workshop to focus on drinking water systems in Hinkley and the future of the community.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

WORKSHOP

4. Scoping Meeting – Various Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan)

Mr. Chuck Curtis, Supervising WRCE, addressed the Board, gave a brief Power Point presentation outlining CEQA Scoping, and answered Board Member questions. Mr. Curtis submitted a late comment letter from William Thomas, Centennial Ranches. The Chair accepted the letter for the record.

PLANS & POLICIES

5. United States Forest Service-Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Upper Truckee River Reach Five (Sunset Stables) Restoration Project – Exemption to Waste Discharge Prohibitions Contained in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region, El Dorado County

Ms. Laurie Scribe, Environmental Scientist, addressed the Board and gave a Power Point presentation outlining the restoration, regulatory compliance, monitoring and adaptive management, public comments, and recommendation for the Sunset Stables Project. Ms. Nancy Gibson, Forest Supervisor, gave additional information to the Board regarding this Project and answer Board Member questions.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Sandel, seconded by Mr. Jardine, and **unanimously carried** to adopt the Exemption to Waste Discharge Prohibitions as presented. Mr. Clarke was not present for this Item.

Legal Counsel notified the Board that the CEQA finding will be added to the final Resolution. The Executive Officer submitted a late comment letter from Richard Solbrig, South Tahoe Public Utility District. The Chair accepted the letter for the record.

The Executive Officer made a notation that the date on the last page of the Resolution be corrected to February 14, 2013.

Click here to view [Board Order No. R6V-2013-0011](#)

6. **Recommendation to the State Water Resources Control Board to Certify the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency “Lake Tahoe Water Quality Management Plan” pursuant to Clean Water Action Section 208**

Mr. Robert Larsen, Staff Environmental Scientist, presented a power point overview of the background, process, and recommendation for the TRPA Lake Tahoe Water Quality Management Plan, and answered Board member questions.

Public Comment

- Laurel Ames, expressed her concern that the Regional Plan Update limited the Water Board’s authority to protect water quality and asked that the Board postpone the adoption of the Resolution.
- Jennifer Quashnick addressed the Board and stated that the environmental impacts of the code amendments have not been analyzed by the TRPA and urged the Board to postpone the adoption of the Resolution
- Mr. Steve Teshara addressed the Board in favor of the Resolution.
- Mr. John Marshall addressed the Board and thanked them for their consideration of the recommendation. Mr. Marshall stated that intense environmental impact assessment and analysis has gone into these policies and asked for the Board’s support of the Resolution.

The Executive Officer made a notation that the date on the last page of the Resolution be corrected to February 14, 2013.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Dyas, seconded by Mr. Clarke, and **unanimously carried** to adopt the Resolution recommending the State Water Board certify the TRPA Lake Tahoe Water Quality Management Plan with corrected errata.

Click here to view [Board Resolution No. R6V-2013-0010](#)

REPORTS

7. **Reports by Water Board Chair and Board Members**

None.

8. **CLOSED SESSION****

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. on February 14, 2013.

Prepared by:  _____ Adopted: March 13, 2013 _____
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant